



CENTER SCENE

PEERS HONOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

During Public Service Recognition Week, May 1-7, the Service Center recognized 13 employees who have donated their time and effort as volunteers. Service Center employees were asked last month to nominate their peers for recognition.

In a May 2nd All Employees ceremony, Service Center Director Larry Bemby commended the work of each nominee and spoke about each of their volunteer activities and special accomplishments. He thanked these employees for giving of them-

selves to the community and making contributions of their time and effort to benefit the public. He also presented each nominee with a certificate and a personalized BLM coffee mug.

Three Denver-Washington Office (DWO) employees also received the peer awards in a separate ceremony during the week.

At right, DWO employees (l-r) Roger Molinar, Ernestine Logsdon (sitting), and Barbara Guest display Public Service awards.



BOND CAMPAIGN ENDS JUNE 17



1994 Savings Bond Campaign representatives (from top, l to r) Barbara Klassen (SC-653, 65734, 65744, and 658), Bonnie Pomarico (SC-650, 651, 65714, 65724), Shannon Wondra (SC-652), Babette Larson (SC-610), Bob Pinkney (Chairperson), Sue Webber (SC-150), Laura Nelson (SC-510), Kathy Pino (SC-210 and 213), Marilyn Chatterton (SC-212, 214), Deanna Bell-Gann (SC-630), Nancy Pullam (SC-215). Not shown - Mike Kirby (SC-100, 120, 130, 140)

Friday, June 17 is the last day of the 1994 Savings Bond Campaign! Be sure to return your sign-up card to your representative to be counted in the participation tally, posted outside the Service Center Director's office in Building 50.

Bonds are guaranteed to earn a minimum interest rate of 4.7 percent and may earn higher, market-based rates when held 5 years or longer. Earnings are free from state income tax and Federal income tax can be deferred for up to 30 years.

BUY-OUTS BECOME A REALITY

The hope of a buy-out/early retirement option finally became a reality at the end of April for 16 Service Center employees and 10 members of the Denver-Washington Office. The buy-outs came after Congressional legislation allowing agencies to offer them.

The BLM prioritized categories of employees eligible for the buy-outs, then selected interested employees based upon the priority list. Not all BLM employees who signed up were selected, due to the limited number of buy-outs offered. The buy-out offerees were required to resign by May 2, unless given a special exemption.

During a ceremony on May 2 for Public Service Recognition Week, Service Center Director Larry Bemby expressed his sincere appreciation to these employees for their years of dedicated service to the BLM. He also expressed his best wishes to them, that their future endeavors be as fruitful to them as the service which they provided to the BLM.

THEY'RE OUT!



From the Service Center (SC):

Debra Berger
Shirley Folger
Mary Haugland
Jeff Jung
Allen Layer
Betty Lee
Alex Lopez
Larry Peck

Richard Pixton
Marie Potter
Calvin Riley
Al Salo
Joe Strong
Lee Tomlin
Harriet Weltman
M. Dennis Young

From the Denver-Washington Office (DWO):

Dorothy Daigle
Roger Espeland
Marvin Gutwein
Melissa Lewis-Collins
Patricia Moreno
Lindsay Otterness
Darlene Puleo
Corrine Rhodes
Judy Stringer
Alonzo Sumrell



STILL BELIEVING IN SANTA CLAUS

The BLM Project Santa was founded by Service Center employee Lee Krebs in 1983. The project works each year with the Jefferson County Action Center to obtain the names of five indigent families and five indigent senior citizens in the local area. Project Santa volunteers contact each of the families and seniors to ask what they want for Christmas.

A list of these wishes is posted, along with a description of the recipients, for BLM employees who wish to donate the items. In addition to specific gifts, non-perishable food items and money are also donated by employees.

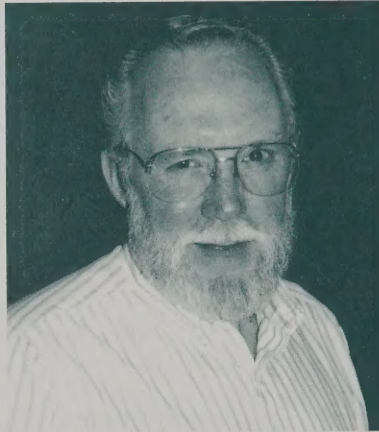
Project Santa volunteers wrap the gifts and deliver them personally before Christmas, dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Rudolph, and Santa's elves.



Al Layer helps obtain, wrap, and deliver gifts for Project Santa.

This year, Service Center employees Lee Krebs and Al Layer, along with retiree John Brewer, were all nominated for recognition during Public Service Recognition Week, based upon their outstanding volunteer work with Project Santa.

Lee Krebs has worked for the BLM for 16 years, starting out as a supply clerk. Currently, she is a Property



John Brewer plays Santa Claus.

Management Specialist in the Division of Administrative Services. Al Layer has been active in Project Santa for over 6 years. He is a Computer Assistant in the Division of Finance. John Brewer began playing Santa Claus when Project Santa started and has continued into his retirement.

Project Santa volunteers use annual leave or their own time to accomplish their gift collections and deliveries. Peers nominating the participants cited the positive public image which Project Santa provides for the Service Center each year.

Editor's Note: Last year, Project Santa was not allowed at the Service Center, due to new ethics rules. Project volunteers are currently seeking an exemption to those rules.



Lee Krebs plays Mrs. Santa.



SHARING AND CARING

Esther Erickson leads a busy life of volunteer work and caring for her visually impaired mother, in addition to working as a Personnel Actions Clerk in the Division of Personnel.

One of her major volunteer activities is with the SHARE program, helping to sort, weigh, and distribute food at a low cost to all citizens.

Esther is also a strong supporter of the Denver Rescue Mission, a shelter for the homeless in downtown Denver. Recently, she donated items and helped prepare Easter baskets at the Mission for children in the Curtis Park area and for other agencies which expressed a need. Her next goal is to get involved in feeding those people in need.

Much of Esther's time outside of work is devoted to the care of her elderly mother, who is seriously ill and lives next door to her in Lakewood.

In her spare time, Esther helps her husband and son repair and paint houses. As a hobby, their latest project is starting to refurbish a 1946 Willis Jeep, which will be painted fluorescent green.



Esther Erickson believes contributions to the public can start with family.

A MAN OF THE COMMUNITY



Joe Hayashi emcees Japanese cultural events, in addition to other activities.

"On a consistent basis and without fanfare, Joe Hayashi gives to the community and performs in such a way that thousands have benefitted from his contributions," wrote a peer who nominated him for recognition. "One small example is his assisting his wife in soliciting funds and providing complete Christmas dinners for 25 indigent families annually since 1983, which translates into over 275 families who would not have had Christmas dinners without this assistance."

Joe is involved in more volunteer and community activities than his peers could count. Among his many accomplishments are honors in Toastmaster's International for public speaking, numerous programs to feed the hungry, and heavy participation in local church and community groups.

He began his career as a Personnel Analyst for the Shell Oil Company and was a Human Resource Manager in private industry. Joe is a Staffing & Classification Specialist on the Human Resources Staff (WO-711).

A LEGIONNAIRE SUPPORTING YOUTH

Naamon Owens, Chief of the Real Property & Space Acquisition Section, has been the commander of his American Legion post for the past 3 years. He has been involved with and made significant contributions to sponsoring and supporting high school students in the Boy's State program and American Legion High School Oratorical contest.

Naamon provided his assistance to a high school oratorical contestant this year as a speech coach. This high school senior competed in several levels of competition and won the American Legion High School Oratorical contest for the State of Colorado.

The American Legion focuses on service to veterans, and school and community involvement.



Naamon Owens was a guest speaker at a local school on Veteran's Day.

TEACHING ADULTS TO READ



Linda Davis uses both Spanish and English to teach adults.

Linda Davis, Personal Property Accounting Technician in the Division of Finance, was nominated for recognition because of her volunteer work with the Adult Learning Source.

The Adult Learning Source teaches adults to read and write. In addition, it provides special classes and tutoring to help adults without a high school diploma to pass the G.E.D. (high school equivalency) test.

Linda mentors and tutors adults, young and old, in English, to reach their goal of passing the G.E.D. test. She speaks Spanish with Hispanic students seeking U.S. citizenship.

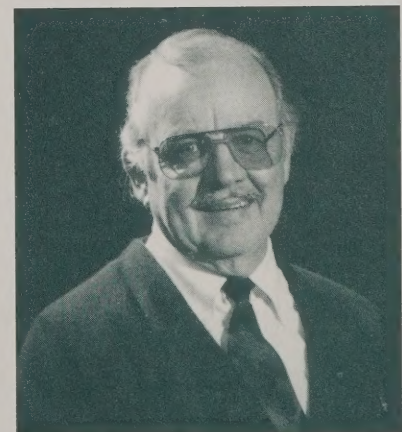
RETIREMENT MEANS MORE TIME TO GIVE

Until the recent "buy-out," Lee Tomlin was the Chief of the Service Center's Branch of Personal Property and Office Services. Due to his recent retirement, he will have a lot more time to participate in the local community activities for which he was nominated.

Lee has been a member of the Lakewood Liquor Commission for several years. The commission is responsible for approving liquor licenses for businesses within Lakewood.

Lee is an active member of the Arvada Chorale and participates in their three concerts each year. He is also very active in the homeowner's association where he lives and in his church.

Besides BLM, Lee has also worked for the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Panama Canal, and private industry.



At right, Lee Tomlin worked 10 years for BLM.

HELPING THE HEARING-IMPAIRED



Sheri Johnson has worked for BLM for 19 years and is currently a Property Disposal Technician.



Dario Quinones is a Computer Specialist at the Service Center and has been with the BLM for 14 years.

Sheri Johnson and Dario Quinones have a lot in common, besides the fact that they are both hearing-impaired. Together, they volunteer to teach sign language classes to Service Center and BLM Colorado State Office Employees. In numerous other ways, they each help the hearing to better understand and communicate with the hearing-impaired community.

Sheri volunteers her time to assist Front Range Community College students learning to become sign language interpreters. She spends time at a "silent camp" retreat where interpreter students learn the deaf culture and sharpen their skills by not speaking the entire weekend.

Dario volunteers to help the Colorado Department of Education outreach program for hearing-impaired students. He has participated in the Deaf Awareness Day program and has received Letters of Appreciation for his role as a coordinator for the handicapped and physically disadvantaged.

KEEPING KIDS ON THE STRAIGHT & NARROW

Kathy Tober loves archery and she loves teaching it to kids. She also believes that dedication to a sport gives young people a great alternative to spending idle time on the streets.

Her son first introduced her to archery, and she saw the challenge of helping kids develop their skills. She holds Instructor Trainer and Level III Coaches certificates.



Kathy Tober commits her spare time to helping kids achieve their best in the sport of archery.

She has also been a children's team manager at the Olympic Training Center. Kathy's peers say that her dedication as a coach is making a difference in children's lives, by giving them an alternative to "hanging out," where they have a chance to get into trouble.

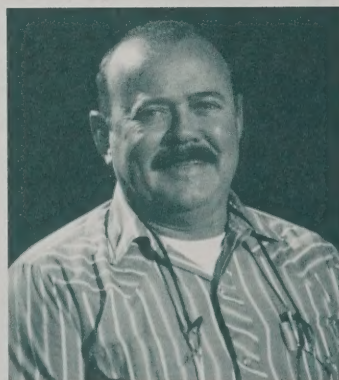
Kathy is currently Staffing Assistant for the Branch of Workforce Diversity & Planning (WO-711). She has worked for the BLM since 1986, when she started at the Canon City District Office.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Calvin Riley volunteers for the Denver City Arts III Program, part of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). The SCFD was created when voters in Metropolitan Denver approved a 1 percent tax to benefit the scientific and arts community.

The program grants money to arts groups with an annual budget below \$100,000, including Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, Dance, and Multi-Discipline. In 1993, 70 groups requested funding totaling \$1.7 million, but only \$500,000 was available.

Denver County depends on volunteers like Calvin to review the grant requests and decide on the amount of funding for each program. These volunteers insure that taxpayers' money is well spent, keeping the arts accessible to the general public, and promoting the arts in the local community.



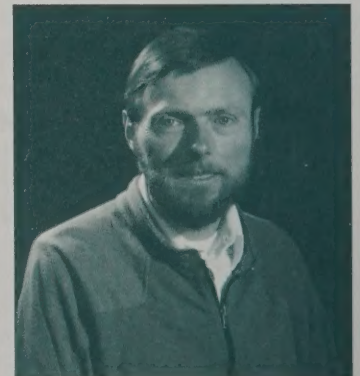
Calvin Riley is a Support Services Supervisor for the Division of Administrative Services.

WRITING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Bob Woerner is a Writer/Editor for the Technology Transfers Staff. Not only has he used these skills for almost 15 years at BLM, but he uses them in volunteer activities.

Bob volunteered in 1992 as an English instructor for Warren Tech's Adult Cooperative Education (ACE) program. He acted as a catalyst to establish a written Adopt-a-School agreement between Warren Tech and the Service Center.

In addition, he has been the Writer/Editor for the Urban Peak quarterly newsletter since 1989. Urban Peak is a drop-in center and shelter for runaway youths. Bob has also found time to be a volunteer patient visitor at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, where he often helps patients from distant states and countries write letters to their friends and families at home.



Bob Woerner uses his Writer/Editor skills to volunteer for Warren Tech, Urban Peak, and Craig Hospital.